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Dear Sir:

An Application for Patent Term Extension under 35 USC 156 was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on **December 3, 2010** in the above-identified application. Since over **6 months** have passed and no communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office in response thereto, applicants respectfully request to be informed of the current status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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